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Pres has asked me to visit your country again to assess the situation for him. He has also asked me to convey to you his great admiration for the manner in which you have held, resolution and determination you have so effectively guided your country at this critical time.

Finally, the President asked me to underline to you his determination to do whatever is necessary to succeed in meeting this challenge from Hanoi.

Overall

As you know the President has ordered a series of sweeping and profound measures which are designed to convey to Hanoi

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and its supporters that the flagrant violations of the understandings which accompanied this attack can not be tolerated. These actions combined with the magnificent performance of our troops and local forces called on the President's veto have a most significant impact on the overall outcome of the conflict.

The President considers that the enemy's genuine could well be the prelude to a diplomatic move. They may be trying again to demonstrate their strength on the battlefield before engaging in serious talks.

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~~it~~ it is conceivable that this is a decisive juncture in this complex dossier which if we succeed Hanoi may be obliged to talk in realistic terms.

At this point I would like to bring you abreast of the points of changes we have conducted with the other side. I believe Ambassador Bunker has kept you abreast ~~of these~~ discussions up to the point of ~~the Honolulu~~ additional exchanges that have occurred since my departure from Washington -- You will recall:

We early made the point Vietnamese postponed a Secret meeting scheduled for

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Now so until mid April
- in late March they
accepted an April 24 date
but insisted that plenary
we resumed before Easter.

On April 2 we told them we
would attend April 13 plenary
but warned against further
escalation

On April 6 we we told
them because of Yeltsin
we couldn't attend April
13 & added question re
April 20 Plenary would depend
on Yeltsin

Then on April 11 we turned
down April 20 Plenary

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due to offensives in MR III and
continuous violations of DMZ
all added we could go to Sy as
Secret session and if production
agree to plenary shortly thereafter

On April 15 they informed us
they wanted plenary on 27th
then we could quickly
on May 6 or anytime thereafter

We replied on 16th we
could go to plenary on 27th
if they attend secret on 24th
and could announce 27th
as soon as they agree on 24th.

this is where it now stands